

MEDICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Requestor: (X) HCP () IE () IC

Response Timely Filed? (X) Yes () No

Requestor

MDR Tracking No.: M4-03-7186-01

AHC on Behalf of Northwest Texas Hospital

TWCC No.:

10002 Battleview Pkwy.

Injured Employee's Name:

Manassas, VA 20109

Respondent

Date of Injury:

Association Casualty Insurance

Employer's Name: Cattle Town Inc.

Rep. Box # 42

Insurance Carrier's No.: 99C-335837

PART II: SUMMARY OF DISPUTE AND FINDINGS

Dates of Service		CPT Code(s) or Description	Amount in Dispute	Amount Due
From	To			
11-9-02	11-26-02	Inpatient Hospitalization	\$9,706.97	\$0.00

PART III: REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Claim should be paid at 75% as bill exceeds 40K.

PART IV: RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

The provider did not document rationale for their charges in their position statement as mandated by the rule. CorVel does explain their methodology for a fair and reasonable reimbursement, using the commission's own inpatient hospital fee guideline and uses it consistently as mandated by the rules.

PART V: MEDICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION REVIEW SUMMARY, METHODOLOGY, AND/OR EXPLANATION

This dispute relates to inpatient services provided in hospital setting with reimbursement subject to the provisions of Rule 134.401 (Acute Care Inpatient Hospital Fee Guideline). The hospital has requested reimbursement according to the stop-loss method contained in that rule. Rule 134.401(c)(6) establishes that the stop-loss method is to be used for "unusually costly services." The explanation that follows this paragraph indicates that in order to determine if "unusually costly services" were provided, the admission must not only exceed \$40,000 in total audited charges, but also involve "unusually extensive services."

After reviewing the documentation provided by both parties, this particular admission is subject to fair and reasonable reimbursement per Rule 134.401 (c)(5)(A), because the primary diagnosis was 805.6 a trauma code.

The insurance carrier paid \$34,359.20 for the inpatient hospitalization. The requestor did not support position that additional reimbursement is due per Section 413.011.

PART VI: COMMISSION DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services, the Medical Review Division has determined that the requestor is **not** entitled to additional reimbursement.

Findings and Decision by:

Elizabeth Pickle

03/23/05

Authorized Signature

Typed Name

Date of Order

PART VII: YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

Either party to this medical dispute may disagree with all or part of the Decision and has a right to request a hearing. A request for a hearing must be in writing and it must be received by the TWCC Chief Clerk of Proceedings/Appeals Clerk within 20 (twenty) days of your receipt of this decision (28 Texas Administrative Code § 148.3). This Decision was mailed to the health care provider and placed in the Austin Representatives box on _____. This Decision is deemed received by you five days after it was mailed and the first working day after the date the Decision was placed in the Austin Representative's box (28 Texas Administrative Code § 102.5(d)). A request for a hearing should be sent to: Chief Clerk of Proceedings/Appeals Clerk, P.O. Box 17787, Austin, Texas, 78744 or faxed to (512) 804-4011. A copy of this Decision should be attached to the request.

The party appealing the Division's Decision shall deliver a copy of their written request for a hearing to the opposing party involved in the dispute.

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.

PART VIII: INSURANCE CARRIER DELIVERY CERTIFICATION

I hereby verify that I received a copy of this Decision in the Austin Representative's box.

Signature of Insurance Carrier: _____ Date: _____